

Healthy RI National Health Reform Implementation Task Force

Long Term Care Work Group

Notes from 6/15/10 Meeting

1. Discussion regarding Meeting Schedule/location- the group agreed to keep the time and dates but will move to CareLink for the next meeting. Below are other options should the group need to consider alternative space.

-Joan's office space-CareLink 225 Chapman Street, Providence

Off Allen's avenue or Eddy's street- the next meeting will be held at CareLink.

Barry Hall-MHRH main building Pasteur Center- Elaina will research the availability of this space.

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

Alliance for Better Long Term Care

-7:45 am meeting time will remain in place as will the calendar of dates

2. Federal Law-Long Term Care- The group raised actions and ideas related to long term care that appear in the new health care reform act. The list below are some of those

-Class Act-

-Demonstrations and pilots

-State Balance Incentive Plan (Human Based Services)

-Money follows the person (becoming more permanent program) -Massachusetts-looking at class act, using government as an employer

-grant opportunities

-Elders Justice Act

-health care reform, who is responsible in the state for leading on the criminal background check, money for long term care

-When do we know when grant dates happen or who implements these sub programs.

-Long Term care Navigation

-Class Act

-Care Transition

- FMAP

-Federal Coordinated Health Care Office- impact and value to the state?

3. System or Communication Issues:

Below are key questions raised by the group that relate to what the purpose of the work group is, how information will be communicated and how action steps will be identified. These are the questions raised by the group:

-Which of these are requirements or recommendations?

-Are there people on the state level looking at grants and who applies for what?

-How will providers be kept informed to opportunities as they arise through this process?

-How will or who will organize the larger agenda such that there is not overlap or confusion between the workgroups.

-What role do the state agencies have and how do we access them to insure our work moves ahead.

-What is reacting to the fact that decisions just happen?

-How do we deal with those decisions within this group?

-What is a state option? What is a real grant? What is a demonstration?

4. Criminal Background Check Program

Conference call for states - June 17

Letter of intent due to CMS-June 25

Grant Applications due August 9

Awards made Sept 30

Recommendation-communicate with AG office to find out if they have anyone on staff that will be part of the conference call.

5. Recap and Action Steps

-7:45am meeting time

-Place CareLink 225 Chapman Street, Providence RI. Parking on street, across street and in lot behind first lot. First floor of 4 story building. Chapman Street runs between Allen's Ave and Eddy Street- best accessed by using Thurber's Avenue from 95 North or South.

-Agenda for next meeting

-Create a spreadsheet to look at opportunities, deadlines, and programs related to long term care in the new health bill.

-Invite State agencies to present on work currently underway to avoid duplication and insure agreement with direction- some suggestions were Paula Parker at DEA, Elena Nicholella from DHS and Trish Leddy from DOH.

-Further define our function or purpose – define how the final report will be prepared for the Health R.I. Task Force.

-Send out information before next meeting so we have things to discuss

-Email key documents to the group and important information

-Provide CMS website and Healthy RI Task Force website to all members of the workgroup.

-Homework-research federal law send materials to interns who will collate onto a spreadsheet so we can focus our discussion at the next meeting on specific program opportunities

ATTENDANCE

Joan Kwiatkowski-Convener, PACE and CareLink

Joan Wood, NHPRI

Susan Saccoccia-Olson, BCBS

Steve Jennings , AARP

Maureen Maigret, Senior Agenda

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Elaina Goldstein, URI

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